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SUBJECT: PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA SOON

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1. SUMMARY: DURING A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON MARCH 25 OF RECENT TITO VISIT TO POLAND (REFTEL), A YUGOSLAV EMBASSY OFFICER HERE TOLD US THAT PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ WILL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AT THE END OF APRIL OR EARLY IN MAY. HE SAID SPECIFIC DATES HAD NOT YET BEEN FIXED, BUT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE PREMIER'S VISIT WOULD BE TO CONTINUE IN DETAIL THE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH GOT ONLY BROAD TREATMENT DURING TITO'S VISIT EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE EMBASSY OFFICER PORTRAYED TITO'S VISIT AS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR THE MARSHAL HAD BEEN REST AND RELAXATION, BUT SUB-
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STANTIAL AND BORAD-RANGING DISCUSSIONS HAD NEVERTHELESS

TAKEN PLACE, AND TITO GO SEVERAL CREDITABLE HUNTING TROPHIES AS WELL. END SUMMARY.

2. THOUGH CATEGORICALLY DENYING THAT GIEREK HAD IN ANY WAY PRESSED TITO ABOUT YUGOSLAV POSITIONS CONCERNING A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE, THE SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD MADE THEIR CONDITIONS CLEAR AND THAT THE POLES DID NOT ATTEMPT TO COUNTER THEM. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REAL DIFFICULTIES OVER THE COMMUNIQUE. THE POINT ABOUT RESPECTING INTERNAL CONDITIONS IN EACH COUNTRY HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE YUGOSLAVS BUT ENCOUNTERED NO OBJECTION FROM THE POLISH SIDE.

3. THE POLES PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS ON THE IMPASSE IN FRG-POLISH RELATIONS AND TO A SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM THE YUGOSLAVS, BUT THAT WAS ALL, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE. FOR THEIR PART, THE YUGOSLAVS FORCEFULLY PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS ON CURRENT PROBLEMS IN YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AND GOT AN EQUALLY SYMPATHETIC BUT NONCOMMITTAL HEARING FROM THE POLES. THE SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT THE BULGARIAN ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO HIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THE BULGARIANS ARE BRUITING IT ABOUT AMONG THEIR WARSAW PACT FRIENDS THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS TO BLAME FOR THE RENEWAL OF FRICTION OVER THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION, WHEREAS, IN BELGRADE'S VIEW, THE REVERSE IS TRUE.

4. EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CYPRUS DOMINATED THE REST OF THE DISCUSSION, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE. HE SAID THAT THE POLES ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN VIET-NAM, EMPHASIZING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS ICCS MEMBERS, AND DID NOT APPEAR SANGUINE ABOUT A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IN INDOCHINA.

5. THE COMINFORMIST AFFAIR DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ARISE, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, BUT HE STRESSED THAT BOTH SIDES ARE HAPPY THAT POLAND WAS NOT INVOLVED. THROUGHOUT OUR DISCUSSION HE MENTIONED THE AFFINITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, POINTING TO THEIR SIMILAR WARTIME STRUGGLES AND TO THE FACT THAT POLAND WAS THE MOST RETICENT OF THE SOVIET ALLIES TO ATTACK YUGOSLAVIA AFTER ITS EXPULSION FROM THE COMINFORM IN 1948. HE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT POLAND MIGHT QUIETLY FA-

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VOR YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENT-MINDED POLICIES, HOPING THAT THEY WILL PRODUCE GREATER ROOM FOR MANEUVER FOR POLAND; HOWEVER, HE HAD NO SPECIFIC EVIDENCE OF THIS. FINALLY, WHILE EMPHASIZING THE CLOSENESS OF POLISH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, THIS OFFICIAL SOUGHT TO DISPEL THE NOTION, ALLEGEDLY ABROAD IN THE WEST, THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS "RETURNING TO THE CAMP". INSTEAD, HE TOOK THE PERHAPS FAMILIAR LINE THAT IT IS THE SOVIET CAMP THAT IS IMPROVING

ITS TIES WITH YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH REMAINS FAITHFUL TO ITS OWN
NON-ALIGNED POSITION.

6. COMMENT: THE SOURCE WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE
TITO-GIEREK TALKS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN RZESZOW, BUT HE
SEEMED WELL INFORMED, AT LEAST ABOUT THEIR GENERAL CONTENT.
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